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If you feel like lying in bed these cold mornings it's a sign you are a victim of the hook-worm.

Over in Korea editors kill statesmen with the pistol, while here in more civilized America they do it with the pen.

The fellows who have been writing letters to Hub Evans and Jim Farnum will swear by the telephone after this.

Unlike appendicitis there is no danger of the hook-worm ever becoming popular with the medical profession because it is a poor man's disease.

No doubt quite a number of "good men" in South Carolina are remembering some correspondence they have had with Jim Farnum and Hub Evans during the past ten years.

Such is fame. Under the head of "General News Items" one of our contemporaries says: "A Japanese statesman, by name Prince Ito, was assassinated on last Tuesday." Is the honor of being great worth the effort?

The hook-worm might as well capitulate without firing a gun. The loathsome little parasite which has been causing so much trouble in the south has had its day and its annihilation is near at hand. Rockefeller has announced that he will give \$1,000,000 toward the complete extermination of the little pest and the hook-worm is too feeble a creature to stand any chance in a fight against Standard Oil. We say the hook-worm is doomed; ere many months have passed away its annihilation will be complete because Standard Oil has overthrown and conquered greater forces than all the hook-worms combined could ever hope to be. Standard Oil has fought and conquered great combinations capital; it has stripped epaulets from the shoulders of captains of industry and reduced them to the ranks of paupers; it has laughed at the federal courts and has made a plaything out of the government, and what chance is there for the feeble hook-worm in a fight against such odds? It's time to write the hook-worm's epitaph. The whole family is doomed.

Director Wiley was roundly abused for turning State's evidence in the Farnum trial, but so far we have failed to see any criticism of Hub Evans in connection with the dispensary trials. The Herald does not say that Hub Evans has furnished information to Attorney General Lyon or to the dispensary investigating committee but there are in the hands of the committee some of Evans' private letters that look mighty suspicious. If Evans did not turn those letters over to the investigating committee how did the committee get hold of them? They were private property and the committee had no right to invade Evans' private office and appropriate them. Every man connected with the dispensary has been drawn into the net except Evans and as Collier's has said "all the trails lead right up to Evans' front gate and break short off." But then what about those letters? Is Evans guilty of no wrong doing? Is he too shrewd to be caught? Did he turn State's evidence? Or did the investigating committee go into his private office and take

the letters? There is an air of mystery about the whole thing the public cannot understand.

This matter of taxes—let us talk about it. It is so unimportant as to be unworthy of consideration, but it is one of the threadbare arguments against New Counties and is bound to come up sooner or later. In fact, it has already been sprung in remote corners of the New County. A man of intelligence told a man who couldn't read and write the New County would tax away his land. The man who couldn't read and write was a conscientious man and he believed the intelligent man until another man of some intelligence and more scruples came along and told him better. That is why we want to talk about taxes. "Taxes" is one of the stock arguments of old counties because shrewd men know the quickest way to reach a voter is to touch his pocket. They tell him it will cost more to run two counties than one. This looks plausible. It takes more to feed two horses than one. Ask them why and they will tell you one set of officers is doing what it will take two to do after the New County is formed. This, too, looks plausible. But what about the expenses of the county? Approximately, Marion county's annual expenses are \$115,000. It takes about \$7,000 of this \$115,000 to pay the salaries of Marion's officers. The remaining \$108,000 is spent for schools, roads and bridges, poor house and paupers, etc. Now this \$7,000 represents about 1 1/2 of a mill on \$5,000,000 worth of property and Marion's levy for all purposes is about 28 mills. This is what "more taxes" means. In other words about 1 1/2 of a mill will pay the salary of every officer in the New County. What, then, is there in the tax argument? It is merely a bugaboo, a scarecrow, a hobgoblin, to frighten timid voters and to mislead unthinking men. It will not cost any more to build a bridge in the New County; the roads can be worked just a little cheaper in a smaller territory, school teachers can be employed at the same salaries in the New County; lumber, stock feed, groceries and other things counties need can be bought just as cheaply in the New County as they can be bought in any other county. Now as to economy: Any farmer will tell you that a two horse farm can be run more economically than a ten horse farm. If a ten horse farm netted as much per acre as a two horse farm, lands would be worth their weight in gold. Does not the same rule apply to counties? This tax proposition doesn't amount to anything with men who think but if you are approached on it mildly enquire what per cent. of the county's income is spent for salaries and see how quickly your old county friend will take to tall timber.

The Herald is not making extravagant predictions for political effect, but after canvassing the situation thoroughly it sincerely believes the New County will carry the election on December 14th. by one of the largest majorities ever polled for a New County in the history of the State. In the election held January 16, 1901, the New County was lost by only 43 votes. In that election only 250 votes were cast at Dillon. The present voting strength of Dillon is about 600 and it is safe to say that 595 of these votes will be cast for the New County. Outside of Dillon, particularly at the polling precincts on the border line, there has been a wonderful change of sentiment in favor of the New County, and influential men who opposed or looked upon the movement with indifference in the last election, have become enthusiastic New County men. One reason for this change of sentiment is that the masses have begun to think for themselves. They are no longer misled by the extravagant claims of excessive taxation. They have watched the development of Bamberg, Green-

wood, Lee, Calhoun and other new counties and are impressed with the fact that taxes are lower and that the people are happy, prosperous and contented. Bamberg, for example, used to belong to old Barnwell. Twenty miles of sandy roads lay between Bamberg and the county seat. Taxes were high (about as high as they are in Marion today) and the county was getting deeper and deeper in debt. Bamberg cut off 400 square miles and formed a county of her own. That was 15 years ago. Old Barnwell's tax levy has never decreased. She still owns her sandy roads. Bamberg is a net work of good roads, the county is out of debt and its affairs are in such excellent shape that at the last term of court the presiding judge complimented the people and told them that Bamberg was in better shape than any county in the State. While the other New Counties have not done quite as well as Bamberg still they are in better condition than when they left the mother counties. Their roads are better, their taxes are lower, their public affairs are more economically administered, and best of all the people are happy and contented. There is nothing experimental or hazardous in the effort to divide Marion. The people are simply doing what ought to have been done ten years ago. Five years from now nothing would induce us to go back to the old county if we could and the old county wouldn't have us if we wanted to go.

Free State News.

Mr. Andrew LeGette has been confined to his bed for nearly two weeks on account of rheumatism.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Peeler spent Wednesday and Tuesday with friends in this section.

Mr. Percy Stanton of Clio was a visitor at the home of Mr. J. S. Hays Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Cottingham of Latta, is visiting relatives up here this week.

Some of our young people attended the Hallow'een party at Bethesda school house Saturday evening.

Miss Emma Fenegan of Clio, and Mr. Frank Fenegan with Miss Ethelen Wilkins of Lake City spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fenegan. (Cor.)

When the nitrogen needed by our soils is obtained through decomposing legumes there is supplied something more than nitrogen—humus. This humus is no less necessary and will as surely increase the production of our soils by improving their physical conditions. The growing of nitrogen-gathering crops, therefore, supplies the two needs of our soils, which, taken together, unquestionably stand first in importance in any scheme of substantial or permanent soil improvement.

—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

The New County.

Now for the New County, yes,
The conditions are all met.
All things are ready now we guess.
And the election time is set.

The election will soon be over,
And such a victory it will be.
The new county vote will cover
Every foot of land you see.

The men who once opposed
Have watched each move with care,
And seen some things they supposed
Were not exactly right if fair.

Tom Dillen has been faithful,
Has been as true as steel,
And never made an unfair pull
This, all the voters surely feel.

He fought the crooked line
That would have ruined Latta,
He's always been polite and kind
And considerate in this matter.

The conditions that now prevail,
Will be useless to oppose,
The New County ship will safely sail,
Over every obstruction of its foes.

The men of Latta will take hold,
According to their word,
There's not one so bold
To sacrifice his own manhood.

Honor is a thing most dear,
General Washington has said,
For if the little spark once there
Is gone the man is dead. X
Latta, Oct. 26, 1909.

The Herald has seen the blue prints of the passenger station that will be built at Dillon by the new railroad and it is a building of which any town would be proud. The platform will be built of concrete and the passenger department will be built of pressed brick with stone foundations. The interior arrangement of the station is very convenient and will provide all the comforts the traveling public could desire. Work on the station will begin next week.

THE GREATEST OF STATE FAIRS

EVERYONE WILL BE IN COLUMBIA NOV. 1 TO 6.

Big Events Planned—All Sorts of Pleasures—Cheap Rates.

The forty-first annual state fair, to be held in Columbia November 1 to 6, promises to be the best in the history of the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical Society. Not only are the premiums offered larger than ever before, but the officers of the organization have arranged a program that will bring hundreds of visitors from near by states.

On Saturday, November 6, the feature of the closing day will be the visit of President Taft. He will make an address at the Fair Grounds to several thousand people and afterward will be taken through the city and shown the principal points of interest.

The premium list issued some time ago shows that a number of valuable prizes are offered for the best display of farm products. This was one of the features last year in which there was lively competition, and farmers throughout the state are writing Secretary Love for information as to the conditions for entrance.

Another feature last year was the bench show. There were so many entries in this department that the society has decided to increase the prizes and classes to be admitted and a special space has been set aside for the dogs.

The racing, of course, will be up to the high standard. Since the society has joined the Virginia-Carolina-Georgia racing circuit, the horses sent South are some of the speediest in the country, and an examination of some of the records now being made on the Virginia tracks will show that royal sport is promised those who care for the events. President Mobley will see that the racing is kept absolutely clean.

A special committee is at work on the educational department. It is planned to have Tuesday set aside for the schools and colleges, and with a view to encouraging pride in school and college work considerable space will be given for the exhibits. Silver and bronze medals are awarded as prizes. The students and pupils must get their admission cards from the officers of the respective institutions one week before the fair.

Military day at the fair also promises to be largely attended. Prizes have been offered, and thru President Mobley, after a conference with a number of officers of the South Carolina Guard association, active work is being done among the various members in order to insure a large attendance. Further announcement concerning the conditions will be made later.

Aside from the fair proper there will be hundreds of attractions, including a large midway, and the main street of the city will be lined with shows under the control of the officers of the Fair society. And don't forget the Carolina-Clemson football game on Thursday. Of course all the railroads will sell specially reduced tickets for all visitors to the state fair. The attendance promises to be the largest on record.

See Joshua Simpkins Nov. 8.

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SPECIAL COLUMN.

Farm Land for Sale.

I will sell for cash, or on easy terms, some of the best farming lands in upper Marion county.

One farm of 700 acres with good residences and necessary out buildings, on the Cashua public road leading West from Little Rock.

J. D. McLucas,
Marion, S. C.

FOR SALE.—176 acres fine up land West of and just outside the town limits of Dillon, S. C. Will be sold as a whole or cut in lots to suit purchaser. Terms very reasonable. Write us promptly if interested.

Stackhouse & Smith, Marion, S. C.
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FOR SALE.—Four room cottage in desirable residence section. Substantial outbuildings. Apply to H. McRae, Dillon.

If you want Morris Fass Dept Store call phone No. 170.

FOR SALE.—A stock of Groceries \$300.00 to \$500.00 at about half price.—One of the best locations in Dillon. E. L. Moore Co.

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FOR SALE.—40 acres good farm land, one mile from Dillon, on Little Rock road. Apply to J. W. King, or W. A. Blizzard at Dillon Hdwe. Co's. 4t.

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FOR SALE.—350 acres of land 200 acres under good state of cultivation; 7 room dwelling, Healthful, 2 miles from Kingstree, Williamsburg County, Good water.

FOR SALE.—Place containing 8 acres, one mile from Passenger Station. Good land for trucking or cotton. S. T. Rogers, Dillon.

FOR SALE.—Automobile in good order. \$200 cash buys it, or will trade for good horse.
J. H. McLaurin.

If you are in the market for a sewing machine inspect our line before you buy. Our machines are made by the Standard Sewing Machine Co. and are unexcelled, and the price is low. Wheeler Hardware Co.

CITATION.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County of Marion.

By P. B. Hamer, Probate Judge:
WHEREAS, W. W. Page has made suit to me, to grant him Letters Administration of the Estate of J. J. Page, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Marion, S. C., on November 5th, 1909, next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 25th day of October, Anno Domini 1909.
P. B. Hamer,
Judge of Probate

10-28-2t.

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